but we would that we had a qualified man. I request the Government to find its way to give us an Ayurvedic Dispensary at Nallepilly. With these few words I recommend the motion for the acceptance of the House.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Sir, this is the first time that this request has been made. Next year we will be opening one Ayurvedic Vaidyasala either at Kadangode or at Muriyad. We will think about providing one for Nallepilly, if possible, in 1113.

Motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

The total Demand was put and carried.

25—Public Health—Rs. 1,17,674.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,17,674 under 25—Public Health. I request the House to grant the same.

Motion No. 67.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—"*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,224 for Sanitation and conservancy by Re. 1. The improvement of roads and drains in towns*".

Sir, the object of my cut motion is to bring to the notice of the Government the very unsatisfactory condition of the roads and drains in the principal towns of the State. Especially in some towns, the roads are so dusty that for anybody who has to frequent these roads it will be very difficult not to catch lung disease. Then with regard to the condition of the drains there is absolutely no water in some towns for washing the drains properly and in many places the drains are closed. While about 15 or 16 years ago I had occasion to visit Bombay, there was the mosquito menace in the city. Of late almost all the principal roads in Bombay are free of mosquitos. It is due to the fact that the drainage system is as perfect as it can be. Similarly in Madura, when I was there just about three or four months ago, my experience was entirely different from what it was about 3 or 4 years ago. I am told that also was due to the fact that the drainage is much more satisfactory. As far as at least Trichur is concerned, about 7 or 8 years ago Trichur was absolutely free from mosquitos and now I understand that the mosquito problem in Trichur has become a very serious one. The reason is as the population increases the improvement in

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drainage work is not keeping pace with the increase in population. Of course it must be due to the fact that we have not got sufficient water for keeping the drains quite clean and that will certainly be the excuse of the Chief Engineer. One suggestion that I have to make in this connection is that if the water from the bore wells is not quite fit for drinking purposes, it may be utilised for washing the drains. This will involve a running up of a parallel system of pipes. In Calcutta when I was there recently, I was told that there are two parallel system of pipes. The water from the Hugly which is very muddy is not filtered and it passes through one system of pipes and this water is utilised for cleaning the drains and roads. There is another system of pipes which carry water for drinking and bathing purposes. If there is sufficient water in the bore wells and if that is not quite fit for drinking and bathing purposes, I would at least suggest that a system of parallel pipes is run and this water utilised for keeping the drains clean. This will solve the mosquito problem of the most important town of the State. I think it is well worth the attention of the Government; with sufficient water, the roads also can be kept free from dust in summer. These works will necessarily be costly and will be beyond the means of Municipalities. I would therefore urge upon the Government the necessity of taking up these works and make the roads and drains pucca. The population of these towns are increasing rapidly and almost all these towns have got a large floating population as well. It is not in the interests of the town population alone that these towns have to be kept as clean and neat as possible but in the interests of the village people also, it must be done.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Perhaps I may be expected to say a few words on this cut motion as the Hon'ble Member referred to me in his speech. We have been working this year on a scheme for increasing the supply of water to the Town of Trichur and two alternative schemes have been prepared by my office—one incorporating the construction of a reservoir at Naduthodu and the other for taking the water of the Karuvannoor river after the Chalakkudi diversion scheme is completed. The proposal for the construction of the dam at Thannikkudam would include a dam of a height of about 45 feet which will store sufficient water to give Trichur a supply of about 12 lakhs of gallons per day. For purposes of comparison I may say that at present we are distributing about 4½ lakhs of gallons in Ernakulam. Therefore with 12 lakhs of gallons per day it ought to be very satisfactory in Trichur and

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the cost of the scheme as worked out now comes to very nearly 6 lakhs of rupees. I hope to be able to submit to Government within the next few days a complete scheme for this dam at Thannikkudam. Then the question of dealing with the drains as well as the domestic water supply to Trichur will be solved. Also on the subject of dust prevention in Trichur we have been taking some actions. Government have now ordered me to prepare a scheme for concreting 'the round' in Trichur and the estimate for that also will be submitted to Government as soon as possible to be taken up when funds could be allotted.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—In view of this assurance I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 68.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—"*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,500 for contribution to Municipalities by Re. 1. To point out the urgency of opening grazing grounds in Ernakulam*".

The citizens of Ernakulam are under a very great disadvantage for want of proper grazing grounds. At least two grazing grounds may be provided in the town. I do not know whether orders have been passed.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The Diwan Peishkar and the Municipal Chairman have been asked to select suitable grounds.

Mr. President.—Steps are being taken to provide the town with grazing grounds.

മിസ്റ്റർ പോപ്പട്ടലാൽ ഗോവർദ്ധനലാലൻ.— grazing Ground എറണാകുളത്തു വേണ്ടതാണെന്നുള്ള കട്ടമോഷനെ അടിസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തി മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിയുടെ കാര്യംക്കുടി പറയുവാൻ അവസരം തന്നതിൽ ഞാൻ നന്ദി പറയുന്നു. മൃഗങ്ങളെ പുറത്തഴിച്ചു വിടരുതെന്നു ഗവമ്മെൻറു ആർഡർ പാസാക്കീട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇങ്ങിനെ മൃഗങ്ങളെ പുറത്തു വിടാതിരുന്നാൽ അവയ്ക്കു പലതരത്തിലുള്ള ദീനങ്ങളും ബാധിയ്ക്കാനിടയുണ്ട്. ജനങ്ങൾ അധികമായി തിങ്ങിപ്പാർക്കുന്ന മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി പട്ടണത്തിൽ പശുക്കളേയും മറ്റു മൃഗങ്ങളേയും പുറത്തു വിടാതിരുന്നാൽ അവയ്ക്കു വല്ല രോഗവും പിടിപെട്ട് അതുമൂലം ജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഉപദ്രവം നേരിടുവാനിടവരുന്നതാണ്. അപ്പോൾ ഗവമ്മെൻറിനു കൂടുതൽ ചിലവിനു ഇടയാകുന്നതാണ്. ഗ്രേസിംഗ് ഗ്രൗണ്ടിനെപ്പറ്റി മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പലതവണയും കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടും അവിടെ കിട്ടുന്ന ടാക്സു വേറെ പല ഇനങ്ങൾക്കുമായി ചിലവാക്കുന

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തുകൊണ്ടു സാധിയ്ക്കാതാണിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ആയതുകൊണ്ടു എറണാകുള ത്തു ഗ്രേസിംഗ് ഗ്രൗണ്ടു വരുന്ന പട്ടത്തിൽ മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിയിലും സ്ഥാപി ച്ചു തരണമെന്നു ഞാനപേക്ഷിയ്ക്കുന്നു. അതോടുകൂടി മൃഗങ്ങളെ പുറ ത്തു അഴിച്ചു വിടരുതെന്നുള്ള ഗവൺമെൻറിന്റെ ഓർഡർ പിൻവലി യ്ക്കണമെന്നും ഞാനപേക്ഷിയ്ക്കുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി.— ഈ ഓർഡറിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് രണ്ടു വാക്കു എനിയ്ക്കുംപറയാതെ തരമില്ല. മൃഗങ്ങളെ പുറത്തു അഴിച്ചുവിട്ടാൽ അ തു പല സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും അലഞ്ഞുനടന്നു അതിന്റെ വിശപ്പടക്കും. അ വയെ ബന്ധിച്ചു തീററി കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഒരുവരാലും സാദ്ധ്യമല്ല. പ ല സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും ഇങ്ങിനെ അഴിച്ചുവിടുന്ന മൃഗങ്ങളെ പൌണ്ടിൽ പി ടിച്ചു കെട്ടുകയാണു ചെയ്യുന്നതു്. ഗവൺമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ഈ കല്പന മുനി സിപ്പാലിററിയുടെ നേരെ പല തെററിദ്ധാരണകളും ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഗവൺമ്മെറിന്റെ ഓർഡർ പ്രകാരമാണു് ഈ മൃഗബന്ധനം നടക്കുന്നു തെന്നു ജനങ്ങൾ ഇനിയും മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിട്ടില്ല. ഒരു ഗ്രേസിംഗ് ഗ്രൗണ്ടു വരുന്നതുവരെയെങ്കിലും ഈ ഓർഡർ നിറുത്തൽ ചെയ്യാത്തപക്ഷം ടൌ ണുകളിലെ മൃഗങ്ങൾ വളരെ സങ്കടപ്പെടേണ്ടതായി വരുന്നതാണു്.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—This aspect will be considered by the Government.

Motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 69.

* **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—"*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,525 for improvements to markets by Re. 1. To discuss the principle involved in the proposed grant of a license for holding a market at Kuranchery in Talappilli Taluk and the method of granting it.*"

Sir, in the order issued by the Government cancelling Regulation I of 1110, the Government has allowed the opening of new markets it Kurancherry, Trichur, Pudukkad, Chalakudi and Cheruthuruthy. In all those markets except that of Kurancherry the procedure adopted in granting the license is by calling tenders, that is giving it to the man who is prepared to pay the highest amount to Government. But in the case of Kuranchery Government has already given it to one particular individual without even calling for tenders, and seeing whether there were other people who were prepared to run a market in that place. I do not know whether the Government has fixed the license fee for that market. I am reliably told that there

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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are persons who are prepared to bid that market and pay higher amounts than that offered by the individual. I therefore think that in the interests of Government finances and in the interests of giving equal opportunities to all people concerned the market at Kurancherry also should be either auctioned or tenders should be invited and it should be given to the person who offers the largest amount. With these few words I commend the motion for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon.—On a point of information Sir, these markets are licensed under the provisions of the Municipal Regulations as made applicable to certain rural tracts. Have they power to call for tenders under this provision?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon—No. Government have no power to auction a private market. We have only power to fix the license fee. We have only fixed the license fee in these cases.

Mr. President.—Hon'ble Members must know fully well the controversy in this question. It has been repeatedly brought to the notice of Government that the Ottupara man was enjoying a monopoly and that we ought to allow other persons to open other markets in the vicinity. Now we have done this as an experimental measure to foster a spirit of competition and thereby giving the maximum benefit to the producers. If for instance we call for tenders for opening a market at Kurancherry, it may happen that the Ottupara man may come and bid the highest amount, so that the monopoly will still continue. It is with a view to avoid these things that we propose to encourage these markets and after seeing the results for 1112 we will devise some means for getting the maximum revenue possible. We shall see how this works and this has been done owing to the persistent demands of the Council.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—In the light of the information given, I do not press the motion to a division.

Motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 70.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—"*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,525 for improvements to markets by Rs. 10. To urge upon the Government the necessity for reducing the license fee for curing and preparation of green arecanut from Rs. 10 to Re. 1 proposed by the Government to be levied from Chingam 1112.*"

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Sir, last year there was a proposal during the budget session to license small arecanut industries namely the preparation of arecanut for the market. When information went out like that, some of us thought it necessary in the interests of these poor people who are engaged in this cottage industry to table a motion requesting the Government to reduce the license fee which was then heard to be Rs. 10. When it was under discussion here the Hon'ble Member in charge of the Department on behalf of the Government stated that they have not this idea of levying any fee in that behalf for the year 1111. Very recently a notification is seen published by the Department fixing the license fee for the various commodities in which they trade and arecanut also finds a place in that list. The fee fixed is seen to be Rs. 10. A fee of Rs. 10 for poor persons who engage themselves as day labourers in the preparation of arecanuts for the market is admittedly a very high sum from the standpoint of the person concerned. There are very many persons in the Taluks of Talapilli and Chittur who are engaged in this work. Practically their work is that of a day labourer. To ask a fee of Rs. 10 will go to ruin that industry to a very great extent. The necessity for a license for persons engaged in such industries is conceded. Looked at from any standpoint a license must be considered to be necessary. The only point is that instead of collecting to his detriment a sum of Rs. 10 Government may be pleased to reduce it to Re. 1.

* മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ— രണ്ടു ദിവസം മുമ്പു ഞാൻ ഈ നിയമസഭയിൽ അവതരിപ്പിച്ച ഉപക്ഷേപത്തിൽ നികുതി കുറക്കണമെന്നാണു ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഇതിൽ ഫീ ഉരുപ്പിക എന്നുള്ളതു മാറ്റി ഒരു ഉരുപ്പികയാക്കണമെന്നാണാവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതു്. ഞാൻ ഗവൺമ്മെൻറിനോടു ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതു് Free license കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണു്. യാതൊരു നികുതിയും പാടില്ലെന്നു ഞാൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടിരിയ്ക്കുന്നു ഒരു ഉരുപ്പിക കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നാവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതുകൊണ്ടു ഇതിനോടു അനുകൂലിയ്ക്കുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ ഇപ്പോഴും ഗവൺമ്മെൻറിനോടാവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതു് ഫ്രീ ലൈസൻസു കൊടുത്തു കൊച്ചിയിലെ അതിപ്രധാനമായ അടക്ക കൃഷിയെ പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണു്.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Sir, the license fee of Rs. 10 has been reduced to Rs. 5. Government think that it is not possible to reduce it any further. Anyway the President has stated

* Speech not translated by the Hon'ble Member.

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that this will go to the consideration of the Advisory Committee and be discussed there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Mr. President, Sir, I quite appreciate the good intentions of the Government in reducing the fee from Rs. 10 to Rs. 5 but all the same I do not find that the relief granted thereby is anything which can help the persons engaged in this industry. As the Hon'ble Member for North Ezhuvas put it, what ought to be done is to give them a free license but considering the case from various standpoints I thought a nominal fee of rupee 1 will not be felt to be a great burden by these poor persons, while a similar motion on small industries was under discussion. What I understood from the Government was that they will be pleased to exempt fit cases from the payment of any fees. But the present statement, viz., that with regard to this particular industry .....

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I may just explain that this license fee of Rs. 5/- is for the wholesale industry and not for the small *Adakkavettukaren.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Mr. President, Sir, what I understood from the notification was that even for such persons a license fee is levied. If really I have misunderstood the notification and that the persons engaged in the preparation of arecanut are exempted I have no complaint at all. In view of that statement I seek leave of the House to withdraw the motion. We shall wait and see how the rule works.

Motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 71.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni—"*To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,500 for Factory Inspection fees. Absence of necessity for any special remuneration or fee.*"

Sir, my object in tabling this motion is simply to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that there does not appear to be any special reason why there should be a fee particularly set apart for factory inspection. Under ordinary circumstances one would expect that the work would naturally be included in the work of the Head of the Public Health Department. Besides it would be seen that the work he is to attend to is one connected with sanitation and health. If it is a work

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which has no bearing or any connection with the work that he is ordinarily expected to do as head of the Public Health Department I can certainly understand. He is an officer who is really paid amply for the work that he otherwise turns out. It cannot be said that he finds extra time to do this particular work. I would like to know why this special consideration has been shown for this work alone.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Sir, this work does not come under the ordinary duties of the Director of Public Health and Panchayats. It is an extra work done by him and his predecessors also were given this remuneration. This question was raised in the Standing Finance Committee and the majority of non-official members supported the grant of the fees. Since it is an extra work done by the Director and since these fees were given to his predecessors-in-office also for doing the same work this was granted to him also.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Who were his predecessors?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The Chief Medical Officer.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Was he being paid regularly?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Whenever he visits a factory he used to be given a fee of Rs. 10.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao—Sir, by way of explanation I may say this was a fee drawn by the Chief Medical Officer years ago when the factory Regulation came into force here. I believe it was during the time of Mr. Banerjee when it started. But it was stopped some years ago and neither Dr. Verghese nor myself have drawn any fees in this connection. The factory inspection was stopped at the time, I think at the instance of Mr. Balarama Ayyar of the Sitaram Mills. I was not drawing it nor was I doing that work. Now the Director of Public Health is doing the work and he is getting the inspection fees. It was not a question of stopping the fees altogether, because whenever the Chief Medical Officer did the work he did draw the allowance.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 72.

Mr. P. J. Alexander.—"*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 72,401 for rural Sanitation by Re. 1. To urge on the necessity of opening a public cremation ground at Kumbalanghy.*"

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Sir, much need not be said to prove the necessity of this work especially in a village which is most thickly populated. People are put to innumerable difficulties owing to the absence of a public cremation ground. During the recent cholera epidemic two persons who died were buried just ten yards away from our school, just because the poor people had to dig up graves in their own yards. Close by tanks from which people drink, on grounds where children play, etc., dead bodies happen to be interred. The difficulty happens to be considerably increased when the tenants are not on good terms with the land owners whose objections against burying dead bodies in their own lands would force surviving relatives to very hard straits. I would therefore request the Government to bestow their early attention on this matter and see that provision is made for opening a cremation ground at Kumbalanghy at the earliest opportunity.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Sir, steps are being taken every year to open cremation grounds in the order of urgency and if the burial ground for Kumbalangy is such an urgent one I can assure the Hon'ble Member that all possible steps will be taken to provide one at the earliest moment.

Mr. P. J. Alexandar.—Sir, Government may have my definite assurance that the demand is an extremely urgent one and hoping that they will bestow their early attention on the matter, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 73.

Mr. V. K. Kutty.—"*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 72,401 for Rural Sanitation by Re. 1.* പഞ്ചായത്തു വകുപ്പിലെ മിക്ക പ്രവൃത്തികളും ആരോഗ്യവകുപ്പിന്റെ പ്രവൃത്തികളോടു വളരെ അനുയോജ്യമുള്ളതാകയാൽ മേല്പടി വകുപ്പുകൾ രണ്ടും സ്ഥിരമായി യോജിപ്പിച്ചു ഒരധ്യക്ഷന്റെ കീഴിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നതു രണ്ടു വകുപ്പുകളുടേയും അഭിവൃദ്ധിക്കും തൻമൂലം ആരോഗ്യപരവും ഗ്രാമശുചീകരണവുമായ പൊതുജനക്ഷേമത്തിനും കാരണമാകയാലും ടി സംഗതി ഈ ഒരു കൊല്ലത്തെ പരീക്ഷാർത്ഥമായി കൂട്ടിച്ചേർക്കൽ കൊണ്ടു ദൃഷ്ടാന്തപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതിനാലും ടി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റുകൾ രണ്ടും എല്ലാകാലത്തും ഒന്നായി യോജിച്ചുതന്നെ ഭരിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുവാൻ."

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സർ, ഇതാണ് ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതായ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നത്.

Mr. President.—As the discussion of this motion is likely to be a prolonged one, we will adjourn the House to 11 O'clock tomorrow morning.

The House rose for the day at 4-50 p. m.

B. V. KRISHNANKUTTY MENON,

Secretary to the Council.

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